

Agenda

Lachat Town Farm Commission Monthly Meeting
Town Hall Community Room– 7:30 pm
Tuesday, June 2, 2015

- A. Approval of minutes from the May 19th, 2015 meeting
There was no quorum so an official meeting did not occur. A recap for one of our advisory board members continued.
- B. Brief discussion about the Memorial Day Parade and the follow up publicity
- C. Discussion of Opening Day event assignments - 1- to 3:00pm, June 14th
 - 1. invitation to representatives to attend - done - check to make sure attending
 - 2. red ribbon for the sign to cut during photo op - Diane Renaud
 - 3. get Kiwanis signs on the tractor from John Kurtzman signs in Norwalk - done
 - 4. set up photo op with Dan Lerner and Dallas Kersey
 - 5. food for event - Whole Foods - called and am pursuing
 - 6. Ray and Jay - confirmed
- E. Discussion of additional events for the spring and summer including but not limited to:
 - a. Tag Sale/Flea Market in the spring and one in the fall
 - b. Musical events
 - c. Art Shows
 - d. List programs on flyer
 - e. give out assignments for each program
 - f. line up more programs
- F. Reports from the following :
 - 1. Community Garden
 - a. fields and grounds maintenance report
 - b. Fencing:
 - c. discuss a children's garden, where, when, how much, etc.
 - d. plan evening events for the community gardeners
 - e. discuss a committee for events for the CG
 - 2. Farm Committee – Production Garden
 - a. discussion concerning the barn planning grant - Ed Parker
 - b. get soil test done - discuss soil ph
 - c. crop plan for 2016 planting
 - d. equipment needed for the process
 - e. discuss purchase of greenhouse – size, etc and foundation
 - f. start talking about the barn planning grant
 - g. pick up of the chicken coop - Ed Parker
 - 3. Programming Committee:
 - a. list of possible programs this year
 - b. volunteer recruitment to run programs
 - c. discuss the Native American Culture and Environment program scheduled for June 27th
 - 4. Events Committee:
 - a. List potential events
 - b. discuss specific dates for specific events
 - i. June 6th - Sal Gilbertie coming for gardening 101 talk
 - ii. June 7th - Diane Blaise from NRCS - talk on composting
 - iii. June 27th - Native American Program - need volunteers and food
 - 5. Fund-raising Committee

- a. designate grants to write
 - b. find new people to help write grants
- 6. Farmhouse Committee – Carol Baldwin report
 - 1. New work
 - 2. Heat and electric
 - 3. Indoor work: removal of paint, mold, mildew, etc.
- 7. Grounds Committee
 - a. possible surveillance of the property to prevent stealing
 - b. list of projects for volunteers
 - i. clean up circle behind house - move rocks and stumps -done by Mark Mainieri
 - ii. clean up on the road - done by interns
 - iii. remove brush all over the property
 - iv. mow the fields - Peter
 - c. make list of organizations willing to send volunteers
- 8. PR/Outreach Committee
 - a. develop information plan to disseminate to schools and local websites about the farm and its upcoming programs – design committee will help design materials
 - b. reach out to schools through Michelle Albright
- G. Design Committee
 - 1. interior ideas – discuss not putting in closet and keeping handicap entrance rm. open
- H. Website discussion - Facebook, Friends of Lachat website, twitter, instagram, etc.
- I. New Business – set next meeting date - June 16th and any other new business